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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08157.0014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David VALE et al.

Application No.: 09/985,820

Filed: November 6, 2001

For: FILTER ELEMENT FOR EMBOLIC  
FOR PROTECTION DEVICE

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) Group Art Unit: 3731  
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) Examiner: Uyen T. Ho  
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) Confirmation No.: 4546  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004, the period for response having been extended to April 18, 2005, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this Reply.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendments section of this Reply.